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VAWTER CRAWFORD, - Editor and Proprietor

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THURSDAY, February 22, 1912

CONSOLIDATION.

A little over a year ago the undersigned purchased the Heppner Gazette from Fred Warnock, and since that time has been struggling along to get out a readable newspaper and scramble for an existence in a community, thoroughly appreciative, yet too limited for the financial success of two papers.

But a change has taken place as will be noted from the heading of the paper this week.

The publishing business of Mr. E. M. Shutt, run under the style of the Heppner Times, has been taken over by me and will henceforth be run in connection with the Heppner Gazette under the name of The Gazette-Times.

This deal has been made possible through the earnest co-operation of the business men of Heppner, who have backed up the move with moral and financial support, and it is now "up to us" as proprietor of the combined newspapers of Heppner, to come through and make good.

We do not enter upon this new venture with the idea that we have a picnic, or that it is a bonanza. But we do take up the work with new energy and sincere pride. We are indeed proud to be living in a community and among men who have proven to be such loyal friends, and it will be our most earnest desire to make a success of the Gazette-Times, and to soon make it a paper that this community and the people of the county at large will be proud of. In our efforts along this line we ask your earnest co-operation.

It is not our intention to start off with a big flourish and display of banners but rather to gradually work up to the ideas that we have mapped out, and to do this will take some time. We will make no big promises but will endeavor to run a clean, newsy local sheet and assume metropolitan airs when the proper time has arrived to do so.

We shall be Independent Republican in politics, looking more to the support of good men and measures rather than mere partisan candidates and policies.

Having no enemies to punish, or personal grievances to air, we shall at all times aim to be fair in the discussion of questions that may arise, and with this brief outline and announcement, we shall make room for the "obituary" of Editor Shutt, whose short career in the newspaper field in Heppner has thus terminated, and who will now enter the field of those engaged in the laudable pursuit of making a living by the sweat of their brows.

VAWTER CRAWFORD.

BACK TO THE SOIL.

As Mr. Crawford has stated above, The Gazette and The Times have been consolidated, and henceforth Heppner will have but one newspaper. This should have been done long ago. One well-patronized paper will give the town a much better send-off to strangers than two that are not so well patronized. It will also be less expensive and entirely more satisfactory to all the business men and other patrons. We trust that the business men of Heppner will stand solidly back of the Gazette-Times in the future and discourage any

opposition. Mr. Crawford is splendidly equipped and fully qualified to handle the field here, and I bespeak for him a very successful business career.

My ambition for the past 20 years has been to some day own and operate a fine dairy and hog ranch in sunny, healthful Morrow county. Having now acquired the well-known Wiley Wattenberger alfalfa farm on lower Willow Creek and having disposed of all my town property except the former Times building, my dream is about to be realized. It is my aim to at once begin to build a splendid herd of pure bred Jersey dairy cows and a large band of Poland China hogs, with fruit, poultry and bees as by-products.

My sincere thanks is hereby extended to all the business men of Heppner and Morrow county, as well as all other patrons, for their liberal patronage and great kindness to me and mine during our 14 years' residence in Heppner. That very foolish notion of leaving this great land of golden opportunities, with its perfect climate, hospitable people and wonderful undeveloped resources, has not entered my head. I have simply moved down the creek a short way, and shall always I hope live among the sunny-natured people of Morrow county.

At the "Alfalfa Dairy and Hog Farm" the Shutt family will at all times leave the latch string hanging on the outside to all their old and new friends. Drop down and see us.

Sincerely yours,
E. M. SHUTT.

And still the knocker is with us. Only the past week his work was made manifest in the efforts put forth to discourage prospective buyers who were in town and interested in getting hold of some of our farm lands, just because the party engineering the deal is disliked by some of the kickers. Strange that they cannot keep still and let some of these deals go through that more people may be induced to come to this section. The man in question is one of the best informed of our citizens as to conditions in Morrow county; he knows practically every foot of land in this section and so far as we have been able to learn he does not mistake facts concerning conditions; in other words, he is fair in all his representations and is endeavoring to interest a good class of people and bring to the county the kind of citizens that we are wanting to settle on our farms and ranches. To discourage his efforts in the manner that some are doing, and impugning his motives, is malicious and downright mean, and is an injury to the community. He should be encouraged in the efforts he is making to get settlers here, and this dirty knocking should be cut out forthwith. Get on the side of the boosters and help along every good move for the upbuilding of our community; it will help you in the end, providing there is any possible help for such as described here.

There is much interest manifested in the good roads measures as promoted by Gov. West and the people generally are entering into the discussion of the measures in a way to get at the bottom of the question. As we view the proposed laws at this time they are in the main good but they have some features that seem to be objectionable. Our columns are open to a free discussion of this question by those interested in giving publicity to their views, and we invite our friends to come forward with their ideas, expressed in as brief a manner as the importance of the points to be presented will permit. Our people are all interested in good roads, but the way to get at them is the great question, and now is a good time to begin to educate the voter on the subject.

And now it is expected that ex-Congressman Ellis will again enter the race for nomination from the second district.

President Taft will reach the people through the moving picture shows according to report in the daily press. Films have already been completed showing the president and his men at work and these will be the first to be sent out broadcast over the country.

C. E. Roosevelt, of Pendleton, is the latest candidate in the field for representative in congress from the second district. "Pledged to support progressive republican policies and a square deal for Oregon," is the slogan of his announcement. Mr. Roosevelt is a relative of Teddy, and a successful business man of Pendleton.

The special board which recently investigated the West Umatilla project with a view to its extension, have filed their report with the authorities at Washington, and strongly recommend the construction of the project that will irrigate more than 30,000 acres of land. Just what action the Interior Department will take is not yet made known, as at this time no details are available.

It was Theodore Roosevelt who said: "No man of better training, more dauntless courage, or of higher and finer character than William Howard Taft ever came to the presidential chair." It can well be added that no president of the United States ever before came so near to accomplishing that which he was elected to accomplish if he could. He will be kept in the office for another term, without doubt.

The state-wide movement to interest pupils of the public schools in gardening and poultry raising is to receive the support and encouragement of the leading officials of the Portland school system and of thirty five principals of city schools. In addition, President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, has pledged the support of that institution. It will have bulletins distributed to the principals, teachers and pupils of the schools. Officials of the local Y. M. C. A. reported that last season more than 300 gardens were planted by the school children of Portland, most of them in the back yards of the thickly settled sections of the city. The interest in the movement this year will result in a great increase over the number of gardens planted in 1911.

By its action on Monday last in refusing to take jurisdiction in the test suits before that body involving the constitutionality of the initiative and referendum in Oregon, the Supreme Court of the United States has given practical affirmation that the principle is constitutional. Chief Justice White delivered the opinion in the following words:

"The issue is political and governmental, and therefore is not within the reach of the judicial power. It follows that the case present is not within our jurisdiction, and the writ of error therefore must be, and is, dismissed for want of jurisdiction."

Only congress can now step in to interfere with the principle of the initiative and referendum, and this is not likely. The Oregon law is here to stay.

Surprise is frequently expressed because there are so many school children who are bad spellers, but there is a substantial reason for it. In a certain city in Kansas very few of a short list of words were spelled correctly by twelve school and college students. Now these pupils are not taught the way their fathers and mothers were. Under the old public school system there were spelling bees in the schools and the pupils took pride in excelling.

Under the spelling bee system children between the ages of 8 and 12 can acquire quite a large vocabulary by the practice of spelling words of several syllables. The rising generation is full of poor spellers, but it is not their fault, for little attention is paid to that accomplishment. It would be well for all teachers to put their pupils through a course of spelling every few days, and also to teach them to read aloud. Reading, writing and spelling should go hand in hand. Those lacking these accomplishments are not far removed from the illiterate class.

The United States Department of Agriculture offered to detail a thoroughly competent man to devote all his time to expert assistance in agricultural matters in the various Oregon communities if they would stand one-half the necessary expense. Because of the necessity of taking immediate action, R. B. Miller, Traffic Manager of the O. W. R. & N. Co. offered to assume the expense and Secretary Wilson has stated that the man detailed to Oregon would begin his work about July 1.

This will give Oregon the services of two men doing this kind of work. The O. W. R. & N. Co. has already had its own expert in the field for several weeks instructing farmers, fruit growers and gardeners in the subject of crop rotation, stock raising and diversified farming. The work of two such experts, supplemented by the operation of demonstration trains and the efforts of the Oregon Agricultural College, it is asserted will result in great and permanent development of the agricultural interests of the state.

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Department of the Interior
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Notice is hereby given that Michael C. Marshall, of Willows, Oregon, who, on March 18th 1906, made Homestead, No. 14293 Serial No. 63519, for SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec 24, and E 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 23 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, U. S. Commissioner at his office at Heppner, Oregon, on the 19th day of March, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses:
F. D. Deos, Jess Deos, Patrick Farley, of Willows Oregon, and H. H. Weston of Coyote Ore.
f15-m14 C. W. MOORE, Register

Ragamuffin Party.

The Rebekahs will give a Ragamuffin party at Odd Fellows hall on Saturday evening, Feb. 24. The Rebekahs, their husbands and sweethearts are invited. All coming in good clothes will be fined 50c.

Hark, hark, the dogs do bark,
The beggars are coming to town
Some in rags and some in jags
And some in velvet gown.
Come before supper, wear your
oldest clothes, bring plenty of pennies
and don't go home until you have too.

Why not carry a policy in the
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